

Tuesdays with Tammy Nevada Libraries Forum
from
Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday
July 28, 2020

Notes

Attending: Attending: Tammy Westergard, Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Bruce Douglass, Betts Markle, NSLAPR; Guest speaker – Jayne Malorni, NV Dept. of Education; Diane Baker, Carson City; Carol Lloyd, Churchill County; Robbie Nickel, Elko: Joy Gunn, Henderson; Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County; Forrest Lewis, North Las Vegas; Alysha Wogee, Amy Bruno, Shanna Gibbons, Pahrump; Jeff Scott, Joan Dalusung, Washoe County; Cyndi O, NV Library CoOp; Emily King, CSN; Eric Walsh, Great Basin College; Kathy Ray, UNR; Maggie Farrell, Stormye Hendrix, UNLV; Ron Belbin, WNC; Randi Hunewill, Nancy Schmidt, SCLL.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE THINKING RIGHT NOW



Strengths:

- Libraries are adapting quickly as circumstances change.
- Libraries share professional expertise with their communities.
- Libraries provide information, access and databases to the public



Struggles:

- Struggling to maintain services while keeping a safe work environment.
- Provide spaces to schools and parents
- Digital inequity.



Opportunities

- Promoting library services and value to the Legislature and public.
- Stronger bonds among Libraries and schools within their communities.
- Closing the digital divide in underserved areas
- Maintaining programming and services for our communities.



Trends

- Momentum building towards a seamless access of library online services by public school students.
- Schools, State, and libraries, are finding ways to partner and work together
- Collaborative partnerships with others.

Announcements:

- Two of the three July webinars with Peggy Borgman involving customer service and mental wellness are posted on our site: <https://nsla.nv.gov/COVID19/10MinuteWellness>
- Grant Clowers, LCSW Psychotherapist will lead August webinars dealing with helping patrons with job loss, building new skills, redirecting mindsets.
- State Council on Literacy and Libraries (SCLL) meeting, August 14, 10:00-11:00, with Directors meeting following from 11:00-12:00 via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84495045843>
- Meeting materials will be posted by August 10th 2020 <https://nsla.nv.gov/SCLL081420> Focus of the meetings will be SOAR revisited.

Welcome – Tammy Westergard welcomed everyone and thanked Forrest Lewis for hosting last week.

Guest Speaker: Jayne Malorni, Educational Programs Professional, Nevada Department of Education.

- NV Digital Learning Collaborative (<https://nvdigitallearning.org/>) is a collaborative partnership that invokes multiple agencies to support our teachers, educators, administrators, families, students with digital learning in Nevada.
- The COVID19 outbreak sparked a movement to embrace digital learning and to decide what that looks like. Digital learning can encompass many things such as full online learning or hybrid learning. This is a mindset shift in learning and not the use of technology just for the sake of technology.
- Motto: Learning can happen anywhere, any time, for anyone.
- Due to Covid, many of the learning experiences will happen outside of the school building which is why the NV Digital Learning Collaborative was created.
- The NV Digital Learning Collaborative website will be a free, open, digital resource to assist parents, families, and educators in helping with learning experiences after schools open in the next few weeks.
- NDE has a statewide learning management system and a two year contract with Discover Education that is accessible for all of NV school districts right now.
- We have formed 2 groups – the first, digital engineers, consists of educators who will showcase the support resources and artifacts available as well as creating things for multiple audience members such as webinars and training videos. The second is an administrative group that will help administrators figure out how to support teachers in the classroom.
- We are forming a partnership with libraries in which we can promote, tap into and share library resources. The learning collaborative will provide links to library systems as well as access to library databases to all Nevada residents.
- The Nevada Digital Learning Collaborative is ever changing and is for everyone in our community (patrons, families, educators, businesses). Please preview the website and provide feedback on how to improve.

Questions:

Regarding using search engine tag”: We will incorporate tags (keywords related to the topic) to help users find the relevant and consise information they are searching for with varying degrees of exactness.

Regarding embedding YouTube library story times on the website: We can provide promotion and information for a recording or live event to access using a link on the website along with uploading any supporting materials.

Regarding Information Systems: Every Nevada school system will be offered to use the same learning management system (Canvas). This is not mandated. Learning management systems help with online digital learning by being more interactive with students (through the use of live streaming, whiteboards, bulletin boards, groups, email etc). All of the NSHE post secondary schools use Canvas.

Regarding local flavor—how do we make it more Nevada: We are trying to build the idea that the collaborative highlights the uniqueness of Nevada. We will promote the great stuff that is happening within Nevada. We heavily use social media to promote events, webinars, learning opportunities as well as new sources of information. Please follow us @nevadaready on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Regarding the Collaborative incorporating the curriculum on PBS: Yes, the curriculum offered on Vegas PBS is included and involved with the website.

Report from libraries regarding school reopenings:

Churchill County, Carol Lloyd: Working with the superintendent; schools will be using a hybrid model (half online-half in person). Because the library is closed, we will be acting as support mostly for providing a place for the kids to be when they are not in school. We are only there to help.

Washoe County, Jeff Scott: The school system is still in discussion regarding their plan.

Carson City, Diane Baker: We are in touch with the school system on a regular basis and awaiting their final plan but they have voted for a hybrid plan. It differs from Churchill County in that all students will be in school for 2 days with Monday being cancelled. They are still working on details. We are working on developing more wifi availability in more locations for students and others.

Nevada Humanities, Nancy Cumming Schmidt: The *Severance* radio programs have aired 4 of the 14 programs and are going well. You can listen every week at 7:00 p.m. on Sundays in Las Vegas KUNV 91.5, and 12:00 p.m. on Sunday in Reno KWNK 97.7. The rebroadcasts are on Monday in both Las Vegas and Reno. There are plans of turning them into a podcast in the future. *Nomadland* is still available on Overdrive with *Severance* available soon. They are still working on confirming Jessica Bruder's participation in the book club and are hoping for it to happen sometime in August. There is talk of the UNR Humanities Department partnering with Nevada Humanities in NevadaREADs. The National Book Festival will be held online, and this year's Nevada book is Kenneth "Kit" Lamug's "Petro and the Flea King."

SCLL, Tammy Westergard: In preparation for the SCLL meeting on August 14, please complete the new survey for SOAR 2020 by August 5, 2020. You can find the 2018 SOAR documents located here:

<https://nsla.nv.gov/statewide-initiatives/lets-talk-pledge>